

## IS IT SUICIDE OR MURDER?

## A WEALTHY WOMAN MISER FOUND DEAD IN HER ROOM.

SHE LIVED ALONE IN BROOKLYN—MONEY,  
JEWELRY AND BANK-BOOKS UNDISTURBED.

Mrs. Mary Larsen, an octogenarian who lived the life of a recluse in an old-fashioned frame house which she owned at No. 738 Grand Street, Brooklyn, was found dead yesterday in her bedroom under circumstances which leave no doubt that she committed suicide. The police of the Sixth Precinct and Coroner Lindsay, however, are making an investigation. This action is due to the fact that the woman lived alone, and it was only a few months ago that she was the victim of thieves who, after binding and gagging her, robbed

dress. Mrs. Larsen was found by the police after the robbery lying near the window of her bedroom, still bound and gagged.

Mrs. Larsen was one of the noted characters of the Eastern District of Brooklyn. She lived in the midst of filth and squalor although extremely wealthy. She was eighty-two years old, and was the widow of Christian Larsen, an old type-founder, who died about thirty years ago, leaving a large fortune. They had no children as far is known, and after the death of her husband she lived alone. She was seldom seen on the street, and no one was ever permitted to enter her home.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Larsen was seen to leave the house, but she soon returned. While

"When you go by the house to-morrow," said she, "look up at the blinds in my window, for something may be wrong."

The boy thought nothing of the remark made by the woman until he passed the house yesterday morning on his way to church. He then glanced up at the window and saw that the blinds were

once flashed upon his mind, and running to the Sixth Precinct told his father. Roundsman McDevitt and Officers Madigan and Sweeney were called to the scene. When they found the house tightly closed, and an entrance to the basement was not possible, the officers entered the house. They found that a trapdoor prevented them from going into the basement. This door was forced, and on reaching the bedroom they found Mrs. Larsen lying on her back on the floor near the bed. She had evidently been dead for some time. The woman's head rested on a pillow, and her face bore traces of violent pain. On the bed lay an old picture, or the back of a picture, which was written:

"I have made a mistake. I have taken poison."

On a small table near the bed stood a glass half full of milk, while another glass contained a mixture of "Rough on Rats." A package of paraffin was lying on the shelf in the closet. When the green was sent to Coroner Lindsay he ordered the house to be thoroughly ransacked, the result of which was the finding of \$1,276 in gold under the

room were found two gold watches, three gold bracelets, four pairs of earrings, four gold rings, and seven bank books, representing \$10,000. The books were on the Brooklyn Savings Bank, Seaman's Bank, New-York; Williamsburg Savings Bank, Kings County Savings Bank, Bank of Savings, New-York; and East Brooklyn Savings Bank. There were also a lot of letters, and a plot in the name of property, and a deed for a plot in Greenwood Cemetery. Papers were found showing that the dead woman had done business with Werneburg and Reilly, lawyers, of Brooklyn.

As soon as the body was found a telegram was sent to the woman's relatives in Illinois, telling them of her death and asking for instructions as to what they wanted done with the body. The police refused to permit the reporters to enter the house despite the fact that they carried an order from the Coroner. The body was removed to the morgue.

**MAD CHASE OF TWO HACHS.**

**A ROUNDSMAN IN ONE AND A FUGITIVE IN THE OTHER.**

Roundsmen Strausser, of the Twentieth Precinct, while standing at Twentieth-st. and Eighth-ave., shortly after 2 o'clock heard a shout and a scream, and saw a wild scattering of people in the roadway as a hack driven by Henry Frank tore down the avenue and dashed past Strausser, leaving in its trail the shattered and mangled form of a feeble old woman, Mrs. Ann Kelly, of No. 309 West Twentieth-st., had tried to cross the avenue from east to west and was in the middle of the roadway when she heard the shout. Dazed and bewildered, she turned to run back just as the shaft of the hack struck her and knocked her down. Then a forewheel pulled over her left leg, crushing it. The force of the collision twisted the woman's prostate body so that the second wheel struck her left side. Without the slightest stop the hack dashed on at full speed.

to stop. A empty coupe came along right in the wake of the hack. Strausser leaped into it, shouting to the driver to follow the hack. The driver pulled the whip without mercy, and then down the avenue, amid the shouts of men and the screams of women, the two vehicles flashed, the pursuer slowly gaining back by back on his quarry. Frenz, crazed by fright, lashed the horses with the fury of a madman, but in vain. Such the coupe got nearer and nearer. The two carriages were neck and neck as they moved down Hudson-st and turned sharply into Clarkson-st. Down Clarkson-st, they ran together until at Varick-st, the horse drawing the coupe was a nose in front of his rival. This was enough for Strausser. Pointing himself for a spring, he jumped out of the coupe right at the neck of the hackman's horse, and clung to it. It was his last effort to stop the black horse from on. Then Strausser, breathless but triumphant, held his prisoner back to the police station and put him under arrest.

In addition to a broken leg, Mrs. Kelly has sustained severe internal injuries, and will probably die.

**DISASTER AT THE ANACONDA MINE.**

**NINE MEN KILLED BY A CAVE-IN—BRINGING OUT**

**THEY DIED.**

St. Paul, Minn., May 15.—(Special to the "Hearst Press")—A cave-in at the Anaconda mine yesterday. Twelve men were caught in a cave-in that took place from the 500 level down to the 800. The ground at the place where the accident occurred is sloped out more or less all the way out, so when it gave way at the 800 all above, as stated, gave way too. The mine is thoroughly timbered. The accident is one of the worst of the kind, but cannot be foreseen or prevented. There were a dozen men working in the slope near the 500 level at various distances down from it. They were all caught in the cave, which took place about 5 o'clock. Three of them, "Mike" Callahan, James Breen and Robert Work, were near the top of the cave, and they were rescued alive, but badly injured. The other nine were rescued covered with debris, and it was feared that life must have been crushed out of them. The bodies of three have been recovered. Their names are

**MANAGER, SOUBRETTE AND RECEIPTS GONE.**  
Pittsburg, May 15.—Manager Oaks, of the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" Company, now playing at Harris's Theatre, left here last night, and with him was the soubrette of the company and also the company's share of the receipts for yesterday's performance.

of Harris's Theatre, to-day, Mariande Clark, the star of the play, has been sick for some time, and has not appeared at any performance this week. Manager Oaks played a small part and also attended to the business of the show, and after "counting up" last evening he, in company with the young soubrette, left for parts unknown. . .